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SUBJECT: Communist Weekly Criticizes American Postponement of Aid to Ghana on Volta River Project

The Communist Weekly Al Moukafih of October 13 contained an article entitled "N'krumah comments on International Topics - America Discontinues Aid," in which it denounces US interference in the domestic affairs of countries to which it offers aid, with particular reference to Ghana's Volta River Dam.

The New York Times, the article stated, had revealed that the American Government's anger over dissident N'krumah's recent declaration on international problems had been responsible for the postponement. This reveals, the article maintained, the conditional, politically-inspired character of American aid: all N'krumah had to do was to make a few declarations for the aid to be withheld. Clearly American loans are exclusively for subservient rulers and treacherous agents. The loudspeakers of American propaganda boast of US aid to recently-independent countries, but they must now add a qualifying phrase: only for peoples whose chiefs of government are dumb so that their declarations will not disturb the tranquility of the American Department of State.

Al Moukafih called for a denunciation of American aid and recommended that its readers turn their eyes to the works of Communist assistance: the Aswan Dam, the oil refineries in Syria, and factories in Guinea, Cuba, and India. And all without conditions or strings!

Comment: This is the only article to date which has come to the Embassy's attention on the postponement.

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assistance on this project. Neither of the major Arabic political party dailies has focused any attention on it.

The text of the Al Moukafih article is enclosed.

For the Ambassador:

David G. Nes
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure:

Article from Communist Weekly
Al Moukafih entitled "N'krumah
Comments on International Topics -
America Discontinues Aid"

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Al Moukafih, October 13, 1961

N'KRUMAH COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL TOPICS _ AMERICA DISCONTINUES AID

One of the news agencies has reported that the Government of the United States of America has decided to put off the financial assistance it had promised the Government of Ghana to build the Vol[illegible] Dam.

It was reported in a news item of the New York Times that the USA took this measure because the American Government is very angry (poor thing!) about the latest declarations made by president N'Krumah concerning international problems.

That's the fact. It should be a powerful deterrent to those who want to obtain loans from the USA or its International Bank and always hear the same tune from the leader of the capitalist world.

This fact shows once more that American assistance is not only conditional but an intervention in domestic affairs, putting strings on politicians and laying down a political plan which must be followed.

Where are the Kennedy declarations and the messages of those who travel from country to country to publicize their filthy goods?

N'krumah, a Chief of State referring in his declarations to international topics and taking a particular position thereon! That is a fact which America and American monopolies do not tolerate.

That is a fact demanding punishment. The loans are exclusive to subservient rulers and treacherous agents.

Let the loudspeakers of American propaganda disseminate whatever they wish to the effect that the United States is prepared to afford assistance to the under-developed countries which have recently acquired independence.

Today, however, a phrase must be added to its propaganda: that the peoples must choose a dumb Chief of Government so that his declarations will not perturb the tranquillity of the American Department of State.

In the light of this decision, and for the right interests of the African peoples, shouldn't the bases of cooperation with the United States of America be reconsidered and denounced?

Shouldn't we turn our eyes to the Aswan Dam and the oil refineries in Syria, and the factories in Guinea, Cuba and India?

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Shouldn't we recall what the Soviet Union said at the Afro-Asian Peoples Congress in Cairo:

"Our sole condition is: no condition or strings".

Indeed "neither condition nor strings".

Translated by Brahim Abdullah

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